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Washington, D.C. 20231DATE: December 14, 2000  
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## PATENT APPLICATION COVER SHEET

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application (including specification, claims and declaration) of:

Inventor: Takafumi SERA

For: DATA PACKET TRANSFER NETWORK AND DATA PACKET TRANSFER METHOD

## A. Enclosed are:

Documents: Specification Claims Abstract Declaration

No. of Pages: [15] [2] [1] [2]

- ☒ 7 sheets of drawing(s). ☒ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☒ An assignment to the invention to NEC Corporation
- ☒ A certified copy of a Japanese No. 11-365455 application.
- ☒ Claim for priority under 35 USC 119.
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney
- ☒ Citation of Prior Art.
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☐ Translation with Translator's Declaration.
- ☒ Check No. 49641 in the amount of \$710.00 dated 12/14/2000 is enclosed to cover the ☒ filing fee; and ☒ assignment recording fee of \$40.00 as Check No. 49642.

## B. FILING FEE CALCULATION

- ☐ Before calculating the filing fee, please cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ After adding preliminary amendment claims \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. (See 37 CFR 1.27)

## SMALL ENTITY STATUS

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$355.00
Total Claims	6 -20	0 X	\$9	=
Independent Claims	3 -3	0 X	\$40	=
Multiple Dependency			\$135	=
Total Filing Fee				
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Total			\$	.00

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Rate	Basic Fee \$710.00
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